



## Laurel "Sissy" Phillips Austin Memorial Scholarship

**\$1,000 per year for up to 4 years**

Sissy Austin was committed to the Jacksonville community her entire lifetime. She graduated from JHS as valedictorian, graduated from the University of Oklahoma before working as an mathematical engineer for NASA before becoming legendary in the banking industry where she worked over 50 years helping build the Austin Bank organization. Through her life she served numerous positions of leadership in Jacksonville and the surrounding communities and encouraged others to do so. Sissy was also a founder of the Jacksonville Education Foundation. Sissy valued hard work, initiative, and self-improvement and would expect the same from the recipient of a scholarship in her name.

This scholarship is given in her memory by her family who asks when and if possible the recipient of this award "pass it on" in some way later in life, which means to contribute to the Laurel "Sissy" Austin fund after entering the work force to help provide this opportunity to others.

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must exude the values of hard work, initiative, and self-improvement. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a STEM based area of study. To qualify for semester disbursements, a 3.0 GPA must be maintained and grades sent to JEF at the end of each semester.

If chosen as a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that in order to accept this award, I must attend an accredited college in the United States approved by the Jacksonville Education Foundation, submit a letter from that college verifying my enrollment, and I understand that all funds for this scholarship will be made directly to the college to offset any tuition, books, or other fees incurred. The funds will be paid by semester at \$500 per semester for 4 years subject to qualifying criteria.

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

### College and Program Choices:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be returned by **Friday, April 10, 2025** to:

Jacksonville Education Foundation  
PO Box 631  
Jacksonville, TX 75766

or

Mrs. Sarah Stephens  
C & C Advisor  
Jacksonville High School

## OBJECTIVE CRITERIALIST

Total number of family members living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children living at home \_\_\_\_\_

Are any of the other children attending college: Yes or No

Other financial considerations which need to be noted:

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### **Required Documents:**

- I. **Please attach high school transcript (from College & Career Advisor or your counselor).**
- II. **Please attach or list all activities/clubs/groups you participated in while in school.**
- III. **Did you work while in school? If so, where and how many hours per week?**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- IV. **Please attach or list community and/or other activities, (church, volunteer groups, family responsibilities).**
- V. **Essay - please submit a typed 400 word essay with a brief description of your ambitions, and why you feel you deserve this scholarship.**
- VI. **Include with the Scholarship Application:**
  - **Three (3) sealed Character Reference Letters**

**Important:** If you qualify for this scholarship, with your signature below you acknowledge and agree that the recipient must submit a letter of enrollment status and grade point average for distribution of funds to the college or university of choice.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)*

**DEADLINE: April 10, 2025**

**Submit this information to either:**

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